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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: CHIP ENROLLMENT
DATE: 9/12/2000
CC: SIMMONS, TELL

As a result of Congress's actions to relax privacy restrictions for School/Lunch Program, Medicaid will obtain a copy of the 2000-2001 enrollments dataset. This electronic listing can then be added to DHS's eligibility verification system to enroll children in CHIP without completing applications.

DHS staff will have to verify the family income, birth certificates of the children, and medical coverage before enrollment into Mississippi Health Benefits. Department of Health staff are working on coordinating birth certificate information with DHS for eligibility determination at no cost to the parent.

What does this mean?

Once the dataset is given to DHS, the majority of all eligible children will be identified and potentially enrolled before the end of the calendar year. I would suggest that we wait on any announcement until the process completed.